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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



I hope you all had a wonderful Canada Day. This one is special since this year marks the two hundredth anniversary of the War of 1812. From all accounts in various documentaries on this subject, this was the beginning of our

Canadian psyche. This was when British Loyalists and some Americans taking advantage of free land and a chance of freedom made their way to Upper Canada. These people did not know where their loyalties would lie but soon fought for freedom and their land against their brothers from the south. This of course surprised the Americans who thought they would be welcomed with open arms. Boy, were they surprised!

It seems like yesterday when I took over as your President and yet my term is fast coming to an end. I guess that is what happens with time, it slips away without you realizing it. We should all try to make the most of our time. Enjoy the sun on our faces, our families and friends. Life, as we all know, is all too short.

Our Club is run by volunteers. Without them there is no club to come to once a month for camaraderie. There are no trips or social events to attend and our circle of friends is narrowed, please remember this when asked to volunteer. No matter what your ability, your voice and your willingness to help will be appreciated.

"Many hands make light work"

**Gene Stephenson**

**REMINDER! The next meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup> will be held in the Oakview Room in the RecPlex.**

**JULY'S GENERAL MEETING**  
Also at the REC PLEX  
Today's Speaker: A Special Surprise!  
And we have a Profiler.

## SPEAKER FOR JUNE



**Rickey Lemire**, left, poses with the morning's guest speaker, Amy MacPherson, who is a respected anti-poverty advocate. One of her many goals is to establish a "Wasaga Cares Community Garden." She explained the need for fresh produce in town and where the donated plot of land to grow the produce would be located. She advised of the need for gardening tools and volunteers to help. **Rickey** thanked Amy for her work in our community which has been vital in feeding and assisting so many of our less fortunate residents.

## Our Greeters



THANK YOU TO THE GREETERS FOR OUR JUNE MEETING: Nancy Ritchie and Linda Vanderknokke. If you would like to be a greeter, please speak to Betty Baker.

## BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS PHOTO CONTEST



Members took their time judging all the photos.

**Final Update:** Winning photos will be marked and winners' names will be posted at this month's meeting. Each category winner will win a photo frame with a small bronze plaque. The grand prize

winner will also be announced and wins the electronic photo frame. Thanks to all who contributed the many fine photos to the contest. All entry photos will be available at this meeting. Sorry that they will not be returned in as organized fashion as they were submitted. Thanks also to our esteemed judges, **Helen Hutton** and **Judy Morrison** (photo on page 5) for volunteering their fine work and great tips



The pressure shows as there were lots of difficult decisions to be made.

## JUNE LUCKY DRAW WINNER\$



Maria Servaas with a winning smile

1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$50.40 ---- **Maria Servaas**  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$31.40 --- **Carolyn Paylor**  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$25.20 ---- **Don Caron**  
4<sup>th</sup> prize of \$18.90 ---- **Linda Squires**  
Gift Certificate for \$40.00 for Canadian Tire was won by **Craig Willis**.  
**NOTICE: PLEASE BRING COINS TO THE LUCKY DRAW TABLE AND BUY TICKETS BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS**



# Social

## PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

On Thursday, June 21, 64 Beachcombers and friends celebrated the first full day of summer with a chartered cruise on the Miss Midland. An approaching storm kept us moored at the dock for a while but we hardly noticed as we listened to live music and chatted with friends. We did have an abbreviated tour of the harbour after the rain and lightening stopped and enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner. All in all, a great evening!!!

## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Visit the social committee tables if you are interested in attending any of the following events

### **Annual Summer Picnic Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

Catered at Wasaga Sports Park  
On Klondike Park Road

*New venue, new menu, new activities*

**\$15.00 per person**

### **Kings Wharf Theatre**

97 Jury Drive, Penetanguishene, ON L9M 1G7

**2:00 pm on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>  
"Blue Suede Shoes"**

A Salute to the Music of Elvis

**\$36.00 per person**

**Probus Golf Tournament**  
at Silverbrook Golf Club

**Saturday, September 11, 2012  
Golf nine holes with cart and  
dinner - \$55.00 per person**

**Dinner only  
\$22.00 per person**

**Coming in October**

**A Halloween Party**

...as an option



## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in July



*That's what friends are for: Gloria (R) presents Janice with her prize in a special draw Gloria ran to raise funds to send kids with cancer to Camp Oochigeas.*

## The Daytrippers

On a sunny day the end of May, the Daytrippers drove to Orillia for lunch at the Mariposa Market. This little gem in the downtown area has delicious items to choose from, bakery goodies to take home, plus many pantry and kitchen things for sale to tempt you. From there we drove to tour the property of their most celebrated citizen, Stephen Leacock. The property, located in Old Brewery Bay, was acquired by the Town of Orillia and opened in 1958 as a museum, and in 1994 it was declared a National Historic Site. We know Leacock to be a humourist and certainly a successful author, but he was, as well, a respected Political Science author and speaker. Born in England in 1869, his family immigrated to Canada in 1876 and settled on a farm on Lake Simcoe. Stephen obtained a degree in modern languages at the University of Toronto in 1891. Later he married a niece of

Sir Henry Pellet (of Casa Loma fame) and they had 1 child. The family moved to Montreal



Daytripper members pose in front of Leacock Museum.

in 1903 where he taught Political Science at McGill University. Leacock published 28 books, all non-fiction before he began writing the 35 books of humour he is well known for. He retired from McGill in 1936.

The family returned to Ontario and to the present home in Orillia which Stephen had designed and built. It is a wonderful experience to tour the Leacock House which is set on spacious grounds surrounded by beautiful flower beds. For our group we were fortunate to have a personal guide who told us many interesting stories as we went from room to room. Books and desks are prominent in many areas, as well as numerous awards, degrees, and photographs of this famous author throughout the house, including those by master portrait photographer, Yousuf Karsh. Other buildings on the property include a small gift shop, a dining room and a boat house. Stephen Leacock is buried in the family plot at Sibbald Point, Ontario. Our members highly recommend time to explore and enjoy this museum in the Town of Orillia.

**Betty Keyes**

**PSST! Pass it on. Our next meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup> is at the RecPlex NOT at the Arena.**

### Special Interests Contacts

Special Interest	Contact Name	Phone No.
PM Luncheon Cuisiners	<b>Joan Maloney</b>	422-0573
Bid Euchre	<b>Paul Turner</b>	352-0747
Genealogy	<b>Sandra Hanson</b>	422-0227
Daytrippers	<b>Betty Keyes</b>	429-6064
Dinner at our Place	<b>Steve and Jan Bivall</b>	429-7584
First Edition	<b>Betty Montgomery</b>	429-6854
Happy Bookers	<b>Mary Barnes</b>	429-2142
Kitchen Bridge	<b>Betty Keyes</b>	429-6064
Restaurant Dinner Club	<b>Sandra Hanson</b>	422-0227
ROMEO – Men’s Breakfast	<b>Bob Bowyer</b>	429-0579

**First Edition Book Club** is at maximum membership.

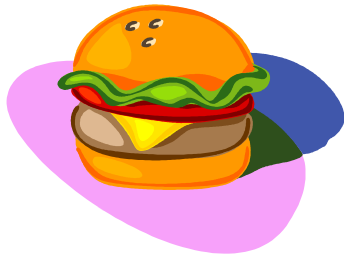


In June, the First Edition Book Club read Secret Daughter by Shilpi Somaya Gowda.

This powerful novel delves into culture, motherhood, and a person’s identity. The novel shifts between two compelling story lines, one taking place in India and one in America. The year is 1984 and a baby girl is born to Kavita and Jesu in a small village in India . As her first daughter was taken away from her and killed, she decides to take this daughter, named Usha, to an orphanage so she can have a chance at a better life. In America, Somer and Krishnan cannot have their own child and decide to travel to India and adopt Usha, now named Asha. The story revolves around these two families and the

hardships endured by both. Asha eventually goes to India to write a story about the underprivileged and to learn about her culture and meet her relatives. The importance of relationships across the generations echoes throughout this emotional novel that is both heartbreaking and uplifting. The book was rated 4 out of 5.

**ROMEO (MEN'S) BREAKFAST GROUP:**



The **ROMEO** (Men's) Breakfast group meets on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. In **JULY** we will be

meeting at **BIG CHRIS BBQ SMOKEHOUSE** on **WEDNESDAY JULY 25, 2012 at 12:00 NOON FOR A LUNCH.** We have 27 in our group. If you wish to join us anytime call Bob Bowyer at 705-429-0579.

NOTE: It was decided at our last breakfast that we would try **BIG CHRIS BBQ** for lunch in July. From what I hear, we will have to bring an enormous appetite. Apparently the portions are beyond imagination.

**Yearly Probus fees (\$25) are due this month postdated to August 1**

**MEET YOUR MEMBER** – Member profiles may be a rare thing now but that does not mean we do not want to hear from you. If you are able to manage a personal profile, step up and let us know. Most of us would also love to hear from you regarding a hobby or a trip you may have taken. If you have photos to support your presentation, all the better.

**MEMBERS WHO PRESENT THEIR PROFILE WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW FOR A FREE BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS MEMBERSHIP!**

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Management Team. Special interest groups are open to Beachcombers Probus members only.

**AND** if you are interested in joining any of the special interest groups below, or want to find out more information regarding the group, please contact the person whose name appears beside the activity.

**AND** if you wish to submit some interesting information regarding your group or submit a good, short joke and/or a photograph, please contact the newsletter editor Tom Donohue by email at this special address at least a week before the next monthly meeting: [newslettertom@rogers.com](mailto:newslettertom@rogers.com)

**Quickies**

Light travels faster than sound.  
That is why some people appear brighter until you hear them speak.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.

**GREAT DECORATIONS**

**In Gratitude:** Thanks to Marilyn Ruse and her committee for making the Father's Day cards/decorations for the June meeting. They were very special.

**Management Team for 2011-2012**

President	Gene Stephenson	422-0201
Vice-President	Betty Baker	422-1909
Past President	Don Caron	429-0308
Secretary	Betty Keyes	429-6064



Treasurer	Dan Squires	429-4765
New Members	Betty Baker	422-1909
Speakers and Profiles Chair	Rickey Lemire	422-1738
Membership	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201
Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Lucky Draw	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Social	Diane Nagel	422-0835
Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644

# A BIG THANKS



Thanks to Judy Morrison and Helen Hutton for their time spent in judging all the photos in our photo contest.

PLEASE SUBMIT AUGUST'S NEWSLETTER ITEMS OR PHOTOS BY FRIDAY JULY 27

Wondering how far you are walking. Try: [www.gmped.com](http://www.gmped.com) (high speed connection advised) and see the distance displayed after your input.

## DON'T FORGET:

- The Secretary's Minutes of the last General Meeting and the Treasurer's Summary of the Club's finances are posted at the front of the room. Please read them!
- **Please notify the Membership Convener of any changes to your address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.** We realize this is a continuing reminder, but it is very important!
- Please pass information regarding sickness, hospital stays, or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener, **Shirley Brett**. If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.

Our New Member Ambassador, **Betty Baker**, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities.

## BY THE WAY

Do you have a photo which would add some spice to your submission? It could be right here or on any other page with the article. This is also open to members who take a photo at a Probus event and do not even have to write a supporting piece, just describe the photo.

## Just a Gentle Suggestion



MMMMMMMMMMMM! Yum!

In August, the Dinner at our place group will be having their annual summer barbecue. Pictured above is a dessert idea. It looks like a very tasty dessert, doesn't it? And believe it looks just as nice in person. No pressure but it really tasted good, too.

Arrive early at the next meeting (RecPlex, remember) to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the 10:00 A.M. start

Remember to bring your Probus mug and to wear your name tag.

**See You  
next  
Tuesday  
at the  
RecPlex**

**NEXT GENERAL  
MEETING  
TUESDAY, August 7,  
2012  
The Oakview Room  
in the RecPlex**